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EX PARTE

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket 01-338

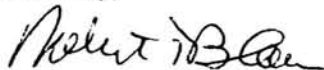
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 5, 2002, Duane Ackerman, Herschel Abbott and I, representing BellSouth, met with Commissioner Kevin J. Martin and Emily Willeford, his Special Assistant for Legislative and Public Affairs, for a working lunch in Atlanta. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the financial health of the telecommunications industry, including the incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, and steps that the FCC could take to ameliorate the financial problems that virtually all carriers are currently facing.

These steps include the need to eliminate requirements that BellSouth continue to provide certain Unbundled Network Elements pursuant to Section 251 of the Telecommunications Act, specifically those elements that would not impair CLECs' ability to provide services. Positions discussed during the course of the meeting correspond with those highlighted in our comments in CC Docket 01-338.

I am filing two copies of this notice in the docket identified above, as required by Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, and request that you associate this notice with the record of that proceeding.

Sincerely,



Robert T. Blau

cc: Commissioner Kevin J. Martin
Emily Willeford